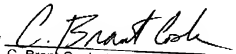


**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the amendments provided in Applicants' response of 19 December 2001, reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the Remarks provided in said response, withdrawal of the claims rejections, and allowance of Claims 1 and 27-62, as amended, are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

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